

state of decomposition to my thought, particularly the lady, and we thought it advisable to take the bodies from the scene as quickly as possible.

Q Well, now, Mr. Totten, when you arrived on the scene did you take charge of the proceedings? A Not entirely; no, sir.

Q Who did take charge? A We were all assisting in doing--

Q You were all in charge and nobody was in charge.

A I don't say that particularly, no.

Q Was anyone actually in charge? A I were in charge as well as the county physician, because that was his function at that time.

Q What was it you said the county physician said to you about this being an important case, if you will just repeat the conversation you had with him? A My recollection is that when I kneeled down partially and discovered, as I thought, this lady's throat was cut I made the remark, "This woman's throat is cut," and my recollection is that Mr. Long says, "Don't talk too loud. This is a very important case," or some words to that effect.

Q Did he say, "Don't talk too loud," because there was a large crowd around? A I don't recall that he said that.

Q Are you able to say whether there was a large crowd around?

A Quite a number of people; yes, sir.

Q Was any effort made by you as county detective to keep people away from the scene of the murder?

A It wasn't necessary.